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Dear Harold,

just a few lines approaching the day five years after Olof Palme was assassinated (February 28). There is a strong tendency among leading politicians of Prime Minister Palme's own party (the Social Democrats) to keep a low profile on memorial ceremonies. There might be a number of reasons to this. Many politicians feel uneasy both because of the scandalous non-investigation of the crime and because of changes in Swedish politics which make the memory of Olof Palme somewhat embarrassing. Palme had a gift to give a voice to strong ideals - there is of course a debate whether his politics really lived up to these ideals or not - and today many of these ideals are considered outmoded. This includes most of what has been known as "the Swedish Welfare State" - everybody's right to a decent standard of living - and the abandonment of these goals expresses a general swing to the right in Swedish politics.

However, this does not necessary mean that the memory of Palme is fading among people in low-paid jobs, immigrants and political refugees. Possibly the contrary is true. What can be seen however is that many of the politicians who claimed to be very sorry because of Palme's death and very determined to do everything to get his assassin caught really do not care too much and possibly never have done.

The work with my book proceeds slowly but steadily. What a blessing it is to be able to use a computer which can store a lot of information in a systematic and accessible way!!

Unfortunately I did not get a scholarship so I will not be able to go to the States and study archives. I still have the hope to be able to see you some time in the future. For the time being I will take pleasure in our correspondence if you have the wish and strength to continue.

My best regards to you and your wife

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